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SUBJECT: GOALS/OBJECTIVES AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (AF/GORM): MALI

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1. FOLLOWING ARE THE USAID/MALI ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION
FIGURES FOR FY-1980 FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (DA) AND MISSION
OPERATING BUDGET (MOB):

	MINIMUM	MARK	EXPANSION	PROPOSED
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DA	13,041,000	18,000,000	22,600,000	49,020,000
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MOB	3,309,600	3,309,600	3,309,600	3,567,600
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2. THERE IS NO SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE OR PLANNED
PL-480 AID TO MALI IN FU-1980.

3. THE "PROPOSED" BUDGET OF \$49,020,000 IN DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE AND \$3,567,600 IN MOB FOR A TOTAL OF \$52,587,600
IN FU-1980 CORRESPONDS TO THE \$62,191,100 FIGURE IN THE
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"OPTIMAL" BUDGET SUBMITTED IN OUR AF GORM (REFTEL B).
THERE IS A DISCREPANCY OF \$9,603,500 IN FUNDING, AND
THERE IS A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE AF
GORM "OPTIMAL" AND THE ABS "PROPOSED" INCREASES. BOTH
CHANGES ARE CAUSED BY THE DIFFERENCE IN DEADLINES.
THAT IS, WHEN WE WERE PUTTING TOGETHER THE "OPTIMAL"
FIGURES FOR THE AF GORM IN EARLY APRIL, USAID/MALI

HAD NOT YET RECEIVED GUIDELINES OR REALISTIC PROJECTIONS FOR AID/WASHINGTON FOR FY-1980. WHEN IT SUBSEQUENTLY DID GET THEM AND FOCUSED ON THE ABS FOR A DEADLINE OF NEARLY TWO MONTHS LATER, THE "PROPOSED" TOTAL CAME OUT MORE MODEST AND THE MIX OF PROJECTS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT.

4. I SHALL NOT GO INTO A DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE SHIFTS IN CONTENT OF THE DESIRED INCREASE. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, THE INCREASE IN THE AF GORM FOR THE AGRICULTURAL OFFICERS' TRAINING PROJECT (\$860,000) IS NOW COVERED IN SMALLER FY-1980 ABS DECISION PACKAGES; THE \$13,660,000 IN THE AF GORM FOR THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR HAS BEEN REDUCED TO AN AMOUNT ALSO COVERED IN SMALL FY-1980 ABS DECISION PACKAGES BECAUSE A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR FY-1979; AND THE \$28,289,600 IN THE AF GORM FOR INTEGRATED AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH HAS BEEN REDUCED IN THE FY-1980 ABS "PROPOSED" BUDGET TO \$12,420,000, A MORE REALISTIC APPROXIMATION OF WHAT MIGHT BE RECEIVED FROM AID/WASHINGTON TO BEGIN THIS PROJECT. THE INCREASE IN THE FY-1980 ABS "PROPOSED" BUDGET OVER THE "EXPANSION" PACKAGE IS NOW COMPOSED OF \$12,420,000 FOR INTEGRATED AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH AND \$14,000,000 FOR AN ENTIRELY NEW PROJECT, THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE KAYES/NIORO ROAD TO ALL-WEATHER STANDARDS TO OPEN UP THE REMOTE GRAIN-DIFICIT FIRST REGION. THUS, THE FIGURES IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AF GORM (REFTEL B) ARE NO LONGER VALID, BUT THE NARRATIVE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE THREE PROJECTS CONCERNED BASICALLY IS. IN ADDITION, THERE IS THE NEW KAYES/NIORO ROAD PROJECT, FOR WHICH AID/W HAS APPROVED INITIATION OF THE PROJECT DESIGN.

5. I RECOMMEND THAT THE TIMING FOR OUR COMMENTS ON OTHER AGENCIES' BUDGETS BE SYNCHRONIZED WITH THE PREPARATION OF THOSE BUDGETS IN THE FIELD.

6. IN ANY EVENT, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE FY-1980 ABS "PROPOSED" PACKAGE OF \$49,020,000 IN PROGRAM, WHICH WOULD CALL FOR A MISSION OPERATING BUDGET OF \$3,567,600. WE AND THE MALIANS CAN HANDLE IT.
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